

STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES (SEC)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Patrick Henry Building  
November 8, 2011

**Attendees**

William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Matt Cobb, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Michael Farley, Executive Director, Elk Hill, Inc.  
Paul McWhinney for Commissioner Martin Brown, Department of Social Services  
Joseph Paxton, Rockingham County Administrator  
Susan Clare, Executive Director, Office of Comprehensive Services (OCS)  
Noelle Shaw-Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant, OCS

**Interested Parties**

Janet Areson, Virginia Municipal League  
Beau Blevins, Virginia Association of Counties  
Sue Rowland, Sue Rowland Consulting

**Executive, Finance and Outcomes Committees Discussion**

Secretary Hazel convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to define the task statement and/or purpose of the Executive, Finance and Outcomes Committees. The Executive Committee will also define the membership of the Finance and Outcomes Committees as well as set the meeting schedule for the Executive Committee.

Since the SEC meets quarterly, Committee members agreed that they saw the role of the Executive Committee as being a conduit for two-way communication and interaction with SEC members and stakeholders in between regularly scheduled SEC meetings. It was suggested that Executive Committee meetings be scheduled half-way between the regularly scheduled SEC meetings and/or every six weeks.

Members of the SEC have volunteered to serve on the Executive Committee and the SEC has the authority to appoint Executive Committee members. There was discussion concerning the membership of the Finance and Outcomes Committees and whether or not to include persons not on the SEC to serve on these committees. Noelle Shaw- Bell explained that, having persons serve on these committees who are not SEC members, would hamstring the Office of the Attorney General in providing legal advice to the SEC. Secretary Hazel explained that one of the purposes of forming the workgroups is to engage more stakeholders in the process. Ms. Shaw-Bell noted that stakeholders can be engaged through the public comment process.

After further discussion, it was clarified that persons, appointed by the heads of agencies to serve on their behalf, would be considered as representing the SEC if appointed to the Finance and/or Outcomes Committees. Executive Committee members also discussed refocusing the work of the State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT) as it was originally intended to support and advise the SEC on program and policy matters.

### **Finance and Outcomes Committees' Membership, Purpose and Meetings**

The following SEC members were recommended to serve on the Finance and Outcomes Committees:

**Finance:** Greg Peters, Joe Paxton and Cindi Jones (The purpose will be to examine cost savings and care coordination issues).

**Outcomes:** Mary Bunting, Martin Nohe, Michael Farley, Paul McWhinney (designee for Commissioner Brown) (The purpose will be to assist with the outcomes initiatives that are underway and those in the development process).

The membership and purposes of these committees will be presented to the SEC for their approval. How and when these committees will meet is still to be determined.

### **Budget Discussion**

Secretary Hazel commented that several factors, including natural disasters and loss of federal stimulus funds, are contributing to what will be a challenging 2-year budgeting process. State agencies have been asked to submit contingency plans for 2%, 4% and 6% cost savings proposals.

Secretary Hazel asked Susan Clare to comment briefly on the OCS cost savings proposals. Ms. Clare reported that one OCS proposal would eliminate the extension of the special education mandate that the SEC adopted in 1997. She noted that, during FY11, less than 50% of localities used funds to serve this population of children. The amount of General Funds spent in FY11 for this category of services was \$6M. Elimination of the extension of the special education mandate would not impact those services required for the provision of a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities as that is the responsibility of the local school division. This change could be made without legislation as it would involve a change in policy. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Paxton asked to be provided with locality specific financial data for the recently completed fiscal year (FY11) for this category of services.

Other strategies under consideration include:

- Eliminating the non-mandatory category of services
- Eliminating or amending the match rate system, e.g., eliminating community-based incentive match rate, increasing the match rate for Treatment Foster Care, eliminating all incentive/disincentive match rates.

### **Care Coordination Discussion**

Ms. Clare reported that options and strategies are being explored to ensure implementation of care coordination principles across CSA services. Interested vendors will be invited to make presentations to stakeholders on the potential role of third-party care coordination within the CSA system.

### **Data Collection and Analysis: SAS Project Discussion**

Ms. Clare asked Mr. McWhinney to provide a brief update on the outcomes project. A product has been developed by a private technology company that would pull data from various systems (ADAPT, OASIS, CANS, local financial data) together to refine outcome reporting. A proof-of-concept project has proposed for funding by the Casey Foundation, who is expected to approve funding for the project on November 15. If determined appropriate for use on a permanent basis, the state would initiate a competitive bid process to identify a vendor and would have to invest in licenses for software. Testing will begin as soon as the funding is approved and an agreement is signed.

### **SAMHSA System of Care Expansion Planning Grant Discussion**

Ms. Clare reported that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) has received a \$500,000 SAMHSA planning grant for workforce development. The SEC has been supportive of DBHDS in this effort.

### **Other Business/Discussion**

Secretary Hazel provided a brief update on the Virginia Independent Clinical Assessment Process (VICAP). He noted that the process is being monitored through data collection but it is too early to report any outcomes.

Mr. Paxton asked if the state is working with the states' colleges and universities to imbed transformation/the practice model into social work curriculum. Mr. McWhinney noted that there has not been a concerted effort made to do so. The idea of hosting a meeting of the schools of social work from the various colleges and universities was discussed for the spring of 2012.

### **Adjournment**

Ratification of the committees will take place at the December 15 SEC meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.